

Remarks

The undersigned appreciates the Examiner's attention to the traversal of the election of species requirement in finding and acknowledging that a toroid and toroidal tape core are included in the claimed invention.

The statement in paragraph numbered 5 of the Office Action is not understood. According to the rules, 37 CFR 1.78 (a)(2)(i) requires that such reference to another application indicate the application number and the relationship between the applications. The preliminary amendment in this case amends the application to include a proper reference to the parent application by its application number and by indicating the relationship between the two applications; the present application being a divisional of the parent application. If any additional reference statements are required, kindly so advise the undersigned and indicate the rule making the requirement.

The informalities in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Office Action are addressed herein in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Claims 8, 9 and 11-16 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph for various informalities. These claims are canceled herein, without prejudice, for other reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection as being moot is requested.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Nos. 11-92628 and 2000-143938 in view of European Patent No. 113,575 and Uchida et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,449,737. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the European patent and Uchida in view of Japanese '628 and '938.

The Declarations submitted in the parent case demonstrate that the claimed method utilizing a particular epoxy resin, namely an epoxy-terminated polyoxazolidone resin, in a powder coating composition for coating a rotor results in

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more than twice the cut-through resistance than that of a powder coating composition including a conventional epoxy resin. These results are entirely unexpected, especially because of the magnitude of the cut-through resistance of the invention and because none of the references of record indicate that cut-through resistance can be improved by utilizing an epoxy-terminated polyoxazolidone resin in a powder coating composition for coating a rotor. Cut-through resistance is an important aspect of rotors. See, e.g., pages 1-2 of the present specification. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

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